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WASHINGTON -- ADD ALLEN DULL S (128)

MEANWHILE, SEN. JACKSON INSISTED TODAY THAT EVEN WITH A STEP-UP IN B-52 BOMBER PRODUCTION, "WE STILL ARE SERIOUSLY LAGGING BEHIND THE SOVIET UNION IN THE INTERMEDIATE BOMBING FIELD."

JACKSON, A MEMBER OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE, EMPHASIZED HE WAS SPEAKING ON THE BASIS OF INFORMATION HE SAID HE HAD INDEPENDENT OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE'S INQUIRY.

ASKED ABOUT A STATEMENT IN DETROIT BY AIR FORCE SECRETARY DONALD A. QUARLES THAT "WE ARE TECHNICALLY AHEAD OF THE SOVIETS" IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF GUIDED MISSILES, JACKSON DECLARED:

"THAT STILL DOESN'T ANSWER THE QUESTION I'VE RAISED. I'VE SAID ALL ALONG THAT THE RUSSIANS ARE AHEAD OF US IN THE INTERMEDIATE RANGE BALLISTICS MISSILE. THAT STATEMENT HAS NEVER BEEN DENIED BY ANY ONE IN THIS ADMINISTRATION."

HE ADDED THAT QUARLES'S ASSERTION THAT THE UNITED STATES IS TECHNICALLY AHEAD OF THE RUSSIANS IN THE GUIDED MISSILE FIELD "IS A DARGEROUS ASSUMPTION."

"WE HAVE THE TECHNICAL ABILITY," HE SAID, "THE QUESTION IS MIETHER WE ARE PRODUCING."

SYMINGTON WOULDN'T DISCUSS DULLES'S TESTIMONY TODAY, WHICH CONCLUDED THE SUBCOMMITTEE'S QUESTIONING OF THE CIA DIRECTOR BUT SAID HE HOPED THE HEARINGS COULD BE CONCLUDED IN ABOUT SIX WEEKS.

GEN. CURTIS LEMAY, IN CHARGE OF THE STRATEGIC AIR COMMAND, WILL TESTIFY TOMORROW.

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